

# ***CITY COUNCIL***

## ***Nominations and Appointments Committee***

**Monday, January 29, 2024  
4:00 pm  
Penn Room / Hybrid Meeting**

The Nominations and Appointments Committee meets to address nominations and appointments to the City's boards, authorities, and commissions.

Public comment is not permitted during Committee meetings.

Join Zoom Meeting

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### **I. Interviews**

**4:00 – Lorena Keely – reappointment – Housing Authority**

**4:15 – Myra Maldonado – reappointment – Housing Authority**

**4:30 – David Dobrosky – appointment – HVAC / Mechanical Board**

### **II. Appointment / Reappointment Recommendations**

### **III. Review Pending Applications Memo (see page 4), BAC Openings (see page 6) & Board, Authority, Commission Membership**

### **IV. Adjourn**

## **Reading Housing Authority (RHA) Facts**

The Reading Housing Authority (RHA) is a public housing agency that is organized under the laws of Pennsylvania, and whose primary contract is with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The agency was organized in 1939 under the U.S. Housing Act in order to meet the housing needs of residents of the City of Reading, many of whom who could not otherwise afford housing that was decent and safe. The agency continues to seek that end today, by offering quality, affordable housing options and opportunities for the families that are served

The agency operates several different programs in order to meet its goals. Affordable rents for income-eligible individuals and families are found in the agency's 1600 public housing apartments and townhouses that are located in 8 different developments throughout the City of Reading. Through the Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) Program, more than 600 city residents are assisted in paying their rent to private landlords. In our two privately owned (non-'subsidized') locations, townhouses are available for those with moderate incomes.

Through on-site maintenance and management of its public housing programs, the 'landlord' functions of RHA are vastly important. The agency ensures the decency of its properties by enforcing rules that support the well-being of the high-rise or development. Routine maintenance assures that properties are clean and well kept, and modernization is ongoing. Attention to security is featured at each location. Services are provided at each development to promote residents' self-sufficiency goals, and formal partnerships are established between the agency and its residents groups to ensure that participant input is included in all operations.

## **RHA Questions for New Applicants**

1. Why are you interested in serving on the Housing Authority?
2. What is the purpose of Housing Authority?
3. The Housing Authority currently meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. Will you be able to regularly attend those meetings?
4. Do you have experience with public housing?

## **RHA Questions for Reappointments**

1. Are you able to regularly attend meetings?
2. What does the Housing Authority do well?
3. In what areas or ways does Housing Authority need to improve?
4. Are there any issues that the City could assist with?
5. In what ways could the Housing Authority improve the way it operates?

## **HVAC Board Facts**

City Council adopted the International Mechanical Code and Uniform Construction Code to apply to properties in the City. This is to ensure the public health, safety and welfare as they are affected by the installation. These codes govern the maintenance of mechanical systems and regulates the design, construction, material quality, erection, installation, alteration, repair, location, replacement, addition to, use or maintenance of mechanical systems in the City and providing for the issuance of permits and the collection of fees.

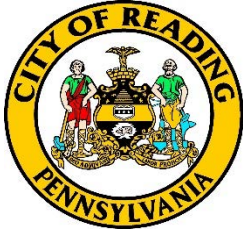
## **New Applicant Questions – HVAC Board**

1. What is the purpose of the HVAC Board?
2. Why are you interested in serving on the HVAC Board?
3. The HVAC Board meets quarterly at 4:30 pm. Are you willing to dedicate time and effort to the duties of this Board?
4. What would you like to see the HVAC Board accomplish?
5. Are you aware of any issues/problems with HVAC installations that need to be addressed?

## **Reappointment Questions – HVAC Board**

1. Are you able to attend meetings consistently?
2. What issues has the Board considered during your term?
3. What has the Board done well and what could be improved?
4. Are there any issues that the City could assist with?
5. Are there any enforcement problems that you have become aware of?

## MEMORANDUM



**TO:** Nominations and Appointments Committee  
**FROM:** Shelly Smith, Deputy City Clerk  
**DATE:** Monday, January 29, 2024  
**SUBJECT:** Pending Applications

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The following persons have applications for Boards, Authorities, and Commissions pending:

**Citizens Initiative Commission** – 11 open seats (1 per Council District; 3 per Mayor)

- **Tonya Butler** – appointment – District 4 - has Mayoral recommendation

**HVAC Board** – 1 open seat (9 members)

- **David Dobrosky** – appointment – has Mayoral recommendation

**Library Board** – 1 open City seat (15 members)

- **Gerald Richter** – appointment – clearances submitted – has Mayoral recommendation

**Housing Authority** – 2 term expirations, 1 open seat (5 members)

- **Lorena Keely** – reappointment – has Mayoral recommendation
- **Myra Maldonado** – reappointment – has Mayoral recommendation

**Plumbing Board** – 2 term expirations (7 members)

- **Chad Spohn** – reappointment – has Mayoral recommendation
- **Barry Unger** – reappointment – has Mayoral recommendation

**Stadium Commission** – 1 term expiration (5 members)

- **Rick Mountz** – reappointment – has Mayoral recommendation

**Board of Health** – 2 term expirations, 1 open seat (5 members + 2 alternates)

- **Robert Hospidor** – reappointment – has Mayoral recommendation
- **Kathy Schorn** – reappointment – has Mayoral recommendation

**Blighted Property Review Committee** – 2 open seats, 2 open alternate seats (5 members + 2 alternates)

- **Jamie Keith** – appointment – has Mayoral recommendation
- **Ann Woodward** – appointment – sent to Mayor November 2023

**Zoning Hearing Board** – 2 term expirations, 1 open alternate seat (5 members + 2 alternates)

- **Tom Fox** – reappointment
- **Jared Barcz** – reappointment

BOARDS, AUTHORITIES & COMMISSIONS			
OPEN SEATS			
JANUARY 29, 2024			
Board, Authority & Commission	Mayor appointment w/ Council approval	Mayor appointment	Council appointment
BOARDS			
Electrician's Examining Board Must be master Electrician	7 members		
	Board full		
Plumbing Board of Examiners Must be master Plumber	7 members		
	2 openings		
	2 applications pending		
Reading HVAC Board Must have master license	9 members		
	1 opening		
	1 application pending		
Zoning Hearing Board			5 members + 2 alts
			2 openings + 1 alternate opening
			2 applications pending
Police Civil Service Board			3 members
			1 opening
Fire Civil Service Board			3 members
			1 opening
Board of Historical Architectural Review			9 members
			3 openings
			Historic District Openings
Board of Trustees of the Reading Public Library			15 members
			5 City seats
			1 City opening
			1 application pending

Board of Health	5 members + 2 alts		
	3 openings		
	2 applications pending		
Board of Ethics	5 members		
	2 openings		
Building/Fire Code Board of Appeals	5 members + 2 alts		
	1 alternate opening		
Animal Control Board	7 members		
	5 openings		
Charter Board	5 members		
	2 openings		
Code & License Appeals Board		3 members + 3 alts	
		1 opening	
		1 alternate opening	2 alternate openings
Equal Business Opportunity Advisory Board	5 members		
	2 openings – minority bus – owner; procurement professional		
Diversity Board			9 members
			3 openings
Pagoda Foundation		2 appointment	2 appointments
		Mayoral Appointments filled	2 openings
Conversion Therapy Mental Health Services Appeals Board	5 members		
	3 openings		

AUTHORITIES			
Reading Area Water Authority			7 members
			1 opening
Reading Redevelopment Authority			5 members
			2 openings
Reading Housing Authority	5 members		
	3 openings		
	2 applications pending		
Reading Parking Authority		5 members	
		1 opening	
Convention Center Authority			7 members
			3 City seats + 1 alt
			City positions filled
COMMISSIONS			
Planning Commission	7 members		
	2 openings		
Shade Tree Commission	5 members		
	2 openings		
Stadium Commission	5 members		
	1 opening		
	1 application pending		
Human Relations Commission		7 members	
		3 openings	
Blighted Property Review Committee	5 members + 2 alt		
	2 openings; 2 alternate openings		
	2 applications pending		
Environmental Advisory Council			7 members
			1 opening



Recreation Commission	11 members		
	2 City + 1 alternating		
	City positions filled		
Audit Committee			5 members
			Board full
Citizens Initiative Commission			11 members
		3 openings	6 openings – 1 per
			City Council District
			1 application pending
Youth Commission			15 members
		1 opening	2 openings Dist 1; 1 opening Dist 2; 1 opening Dist 4; 2 openings Dist 6
Downtown Revitalization P3		9 members	
		2 openings	2 openings